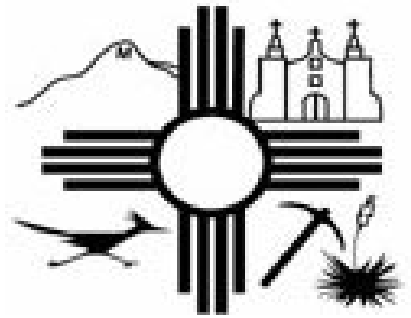


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## Socorro's Summer Youth Program is All About Kids and Having Fun!

School's out, the days are longer, the weather is warm and, if you're between the ages of four and 13, Cindy Rivera has plans for you. She and her team of assistants have put together a schedule of activities for Socorro's youth that will keep them exercising, laughing and learning all summer long.

A typical day starts at 8 with breakfast. Then the kids divide into groups and rotate through different programs. They'll spend an hour with teacher Rodney Mayfield keeping up with basic math, reading and English skills so they don't lose ground over the summer. They'll do an arts and crafts project, play board games inside and engage in playground activities outside and work in the garden. They'll go to the City pool and swim. There will be field trips to local fast food restaurants to practice using good manners in public. There will be Friday field trips to Veterans Park in Truth or Consequences (June 8), June 15 to Roswell Zoo and train ride, June 22 to a movie in Los Lunas and June 29 to a picnic in Water Canyon. July 13 they'll bowl at the HardRock and on July 20 they'll travel to Santa Fe for lunch and a visit with Governor Susanna Martinez--something most of their parents have never done!

It isn't just Cindy running the program: she has plenty of help. There's Grandpa Leo, Grandma EJ, and Grandma Tita, helpers from the Foster Grandparents program. Grandma Dolores is Cindy's main assistant.

She started out with Foster Grandparents at Zimmerly School and then, four years ago, came to work for the City in the same capacity.

"You have to love kids to have a job like this," she laughs. There's also Elias and James, and then there are the college kids employed through the City for the summer. The seven of them get a week of training before the session starts, learning how to work with young children, how to keep them safe, how to have fun along with them.

The program is capped at 60 participants. If you're interested, you can sign up at the Youth Center (off Bullock next to the Socorro County Senior Center) to be on the waiting list.



Grandma EJ and this summer's assistants (clockwise): Crystal Calvillo, Jeremiah Farmer, Steven Silva, Roxanne Silva, Melanie Harris, Amberli Benavidez.

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15 years

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